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Sri K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA :—" The Minister has said that there is nothing like a ' Malnad Development Scheme '. May I know whether the Minister is aware of the special problems of Malnad and whether they are going to receive the attention of the Government? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have nowhere stated that there is nothing like a ' Malnad Development Scheme '. Therefore, the other part of the question does not arise."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" This is a most important question and I would request you, Sir, to permit a half-hour debate on this."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I allowed one half-hour debate yesterday and it is yet to take place."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" It may be permitted in this sitting. We can have it day-after-tomorrow."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I cannot fix the date now."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Even if you permit a half-hour debate now, I shall not be able to furnish any more information on this subject in the next two or three or even seven days."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I shall consider the request of the hon. Member. Questions Nos. 91 to 93 may be answered together."

Amendments to the Constitution.

* 91 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government were invited by the General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee or by the Central Government to give their opinion on amendments to the Constitution; and

(*b*) if so, whether any reply was given?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes. Communications on the subject were received by the Chief Minister from the General Secretary of the All-India Congress Committee and from the Prime Minister of India.

" (*b*) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the information as it is of a confidential nature."

*92 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received the proposals of the Union Government for amending the Constitution; and

(*b*) if so, the Articles to be amended?